

plow elements attached to said tines wherein said plow elements comprise a cutting point and a cutting edge wherein said cutting edge is at an angle of about 25° to about 75° with respect to a soil surface.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 were pending prior to the present amendments.

Claims 1, 11 and 15 are currently amended.

No new matter is entered as a result of the amendments or newly added claims.

The claims are believed to be allowable for the reasons set forth herein. Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102/103

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Stavinoha '663.

Stavinoha is cited as disclosing a cultivator comprising a lower frame, two wheels attached to the frame, an upper frame, lower frame terminating at handles and tines attached to the lower frame.

As set forth in the specification a particular advantage of the present invention is ease of use due to the width of the device and the stability provided by the tines being interior to the wheels. This is set forth in the drawings, and in paragraph 19 of the specification. Stavinotha has the tines outside the wheels which makes the apparatus likely to tilt to one side or the other making it difficult to control. Even though Stavinotha has the option for two wheels they are close together in the center therefore making the device act as a single wheel device.

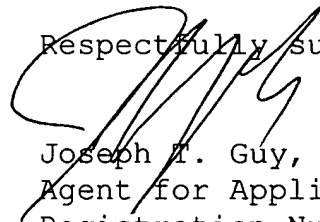
Claims 1, 11 and 15 have been amended to clearly recite that the tines or lower frame are inside the wheels thereby rendering the rejection moot. Support for the amendment is provided in the figures and in paragraph 19 wherein it is stated that the tines break up the soil between the wheels.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Stavinotha '663.

CONCLUSIONS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application. All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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